

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

[To accompany bill S. 561.]

PETITION

OF

CRANSTOUN LAURIE,

A Clerk in the Post Office Department, praying compensation for extra services.

FEBRUARY 5, 1857.—Ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :

The undersigned would respectfully represent to your honorable bodies, that from the 8th day of February, 1847, to the 15th of September, 1852, he regularly, and he thinks, faithfully, performed the duties of *two* clerks in the contract office of the Post Office Department, receiving, however, only the compensation of one, viz: \$1,200 a year.

In addition to his own duties, (that of preparing all statistics of mail service for the annual reports of the Postmaster General and Second Assistant Postmaster General, besides other miscellaneous business,) he was, at the time above stated, directed to assume the duties of another desk, which duties were at that time, and had been previously, discharged by another clerk, at a salary of \$1,200 a year for the same. These duties consisted of reporting to the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department all orders of the Postmaster General originating a new account, or affecting an old one, and all other matters involving any change in contracts. This report has to be kept up daily, and is made to the Auditor weekly.

To enable him to perform the additional duties thus assigned him, it was requisite that almost all his time should be devoted to them, compelling him to labor in his office nearly the whole year, not only all day, but very frequently until late at night.

The undersigned will not presume to fix any amount of compensation that should be allowed for the discharge of these double duties,

but most respectfully solicits that you will grant him such compensation as in your wisdom you may think just and expedient, and your petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c.,

CRANSTOUN LAURIE.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Contract Office, May 4, 1854.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement, as set forth by Cranstoun Laurie, is true and correct in all its particulars.

W. H. DUNDAS,
Second Assistant P. M. Gen'l.